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For: Process For Utilizing Epitopes Recognized By Natural Antibodies

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add claims 2-16 as follows:

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2. A process for selecting phage that is resistant to blood inactivation, comprising:
 - a. mixing a blood component with a phage display;
 - b. selecting a phage; and,
 - c. growing the selected phage in bacteria.

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 3. The process of claim 1 wherein the phage display comprises multiple rounds of selection.
 4. The process of claim 1 wherein the phage consists of a T7 phage.
 5. The process of claim 1 wherein the blood component is mixed with the phage display *in vitro*.

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 6. The process of claim 1 wherein the blood component is mixed with the phage display *in vivo*.
 7. The process of claim 1 wherein a variable part of the phage DNA sequence is identified.
 8. A peptide display library, comprising: a peptide that prevents phage inactivation.